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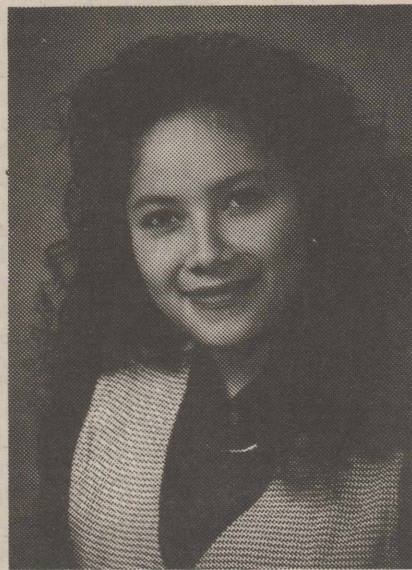
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All Around  
 The Town  
 BY MARY ANN SARCHET

## Honor Graduates Named



Josefina Vargas



Brandi Brunson

Averages have been figured, and announcement has been made of the top graduates in the Silverton High School Class of 1995. It is possible that some of the averages will change slightly, and that another graduate may be included in the final list of honor students before graduation day.

Valedictorian of the Class of 1995 is Josefina (Josie) Vargas, daughter of Maria and Adelaido Vargas, who holds a scholastic average of 96.519.

Brandi Brunson is the salutatorian of the class, with an average grade of 94.90. She is the daughter of Perry and Marsha Brunson.

Third-ranking student is Holly Nance, daughter of Wayne and Tina Nance, with a scholastic average of 94.76.

Hilda Garcia ranks next with 93.22 and Rosie Segura holds a scholastic average of 91.519.

The other members of the class are Leslee Weeks, Jo Ann Ramirez, Lupe Aguilar, Esmeralda Garza, Dewayne Juarez, Peter Trevino, LaToya Baker, Brandi Breedlove, Jess Brannon and Jesse Hall.

Graduation exercises will be held Friday, May 26. All of the seniors will be featured in the issue of Thursday, May 25.

What is a hero?

My Merriam-Webster gives as its first definition *A mythological or legendary figure often of divine descent endowed with great strength or ability* . . . No, that's not what I have in mind. My hero figure is neither mythological nor legendary, and has average strength and ability. The dictionary's second definition is *An illustrious warrior* . . . No, that's still not quite it. The definition goes on, *A man admired for his achievements and noble qualities* . . . That may get a little closer, but it's still not what I am looking for. *One that shows great courage* . . . That's it. *An object of extreme admiration* . . . Not really that.

My finger runs on down the page to "heroic." *Exhibiting or marked by courage and daring; supremely noble or self-sacrificing; determined effort in the face of difficulty* . . .

From all of these words in the dictionary, I am putting together my own definition of the hero I have in mind. He / she is one who shows great courage and is self-sacrificing while exhibiting determined effort in the face of great difficulty. An ordinary person who is driven to extraordinary service by compassion and love for his / her fellowman.

This describes all the heroes and heroines who have worked so hard in Oklahoma City since the bombing, and all those who show their devotion to duty and their fellowman in acts of heroism every day.

You may not agree, but I'll fight you on this point. Every firefighter who carries someone out of a burning building is a hero of tremendous stature. He is a hero to go into the building in the first place.

After working in the ambulance the years that I did, I know that the ambulance personnel are heroes every time they take to the road. No one can explain why people do the crazy things they do on our streets and highways, but in one instance when our ambulance turned on its siren to ask for the right of way a vehicle stopped on the roadway right in front of it.

Rescue units are full of heroes when they don their gear and go out to help their fellowman who has gotten himself into trouble. In this area where we live, the victim has either taken a fall off a cliff or into a lake or has become stranded in some place he should never have gone in the first place. Life and limb is risked by those who go up—or down—to rescue him.

It is a sad sign of our times, but everyone who attempts to assist someone who is bleeding at the scene of an accident actually is risking his own life and is performing an extreme act of love.

There have been so many heroes and

## Sophomores Post Excellent Scores On TASS Tests

Silverton's Sophomores took their exit level Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TASS) tests by storm and exceeded the performance of the average of all Texas students.

One hundred percent of the Silverton tenth graders met the minimum expectations on both the reading and writing sections of the tests. In reading, 75% of Texas students exceeded the minimum expectations. In writing the average scale score was 1770.

In the mathematics division, 82% of the Silverton students met the minimum expectations, while across Texas only 78% achieved this level.

Passing the exit-level test is required before a student can graduate from high school in Texas.

heroines in Oklahoma City since the tragic bombing that I doubt anyone knows their number. They risk their lives every time they enter that bombed-out building, but you never saw them hesitate for a moment. One nurse lost her life and it is surprising that many others have not been injured. These heroes have ignored their minor injuries, the bone-tiredness that grips their bodies and the emotions that have wrecked their souls. They have braved the cold, wet weather and the threat that the rest of the building would collapse. In the days ahead—when the job is finished—they will have to contend with the memories of death and destruction while they attempt to sleep at night.

We don't know their names, but they, as well as the victims and their families, need our prayers. God will take care of these heroes if they will give Him a chance.

## Cemetery Association To Have Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Silverton Cemetery Association is planned Thursday, May 11, at 8:00 p.m. at the City Hall. Those wishing to help with the annual mailout need to come at 7:00 p.m.

Two directors will be elected to the board. The terms of Jewell Lyon and Virgil Crow are expiring this year. Reports of the projects conducted this past year will be given and the financial statement will be presented.

The directors appreciate the support they receive and look forward to seeing all interested members on May 11.

## Blood Drive is Tuesday, May 16

Silverton's next blood drive will be conducted from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, at the City Hall.

The Bloodmobile from Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be here to take the donations.

## Reservations Needed

Reservations need to be made if you are planning to attend the annual Athletic Banquet, and this needs to be accompanied by a check for \$6.00 per plate for the meals reserved. The dinner will be catered by Danny's Fins & Hens at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, May 20.

Deadline for reservations is Friday, May 19.

Meals are provided for the Junior High and High School athletes by the Booster Club.

The banquet speaker will be Greg Sherwood, Lubbock Athletic Director.

You are needed to help decorate for the banquet at 4:00 p.m. Friday, May 19.

## Pool Work Day Coming Saturday

All members of Silverton Pool, Inc. are urged to be present to help at the work session at the swimming pool beginning at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, May 13.

It is necessary to get the pool and grounds cleaned up before the pool opens.

## Ice Cream Social to Honor Interim Pastor

An ice cream social will honor Interim Pastor Ed Norris and his wife, Ann, at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, May 14, at the Silverton United Methodist Church. That will be Bro. Norris' last day to preach.


"These last few months have been a serendipity for me. To return to the home of my childhood after an absence of nearly half a century and to have the privilege of serving as interim pastor the very church in which I was baptized 60 years ago has been an unforgettable experience," Bro. Norris said. "The people of this church, old and new, have been most gracious and responsive, living in real life the grandest traditions of our Christian faith. Kevin Swanson has a blessing in store as he comes to be our pastor. I know you will give him the same kind of support you have given me as he leads us to new victories in the faith," Bro. Norris concluded.

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God give us Mothers, this we plead . . .  
 To still our hearts in time of need . . .  
 To hush with gentle accents blest . . .  
 The bitter cry, and soothe to rest the  
 weary soul, for this we pray . . . To  
 Mother's God on Mother's Day . . .

**BEATTITUDES FOR MOTHERS**

Blessed are the Mothers of yesterday, for their memory shall be called beautiful and beneficent. They are like flowers by sunken gardens and beside still water and in green fields, for they are like soft winds that blow with peace and love on wistful wings.

Blessed are the Mothers of today, for they have the keeping of tomorrow in their hands and in their hearts and the

destination of nations and hearts and homes.

Blessed are the Mothers of tomorrow, for they have been summoned to a great and heroic hour, for they shall be called the Mothers of men who shall make miracles of human life. The Mothers of tomorrow shall breed men (giants) who shall handle lightning as a little thing and make the clouds and thunder obey their command (wills). Blessed are Mothers of tomorrow!

Blessed are Mothers of scientists and statesmen; of laborers and poets; of preachers and prophets, of teachers and dreamers of dreams and visions and prophecies, and the glow and glory is born in the hearts of Mothers.

Blessed are the Mothers for they are conservers of Mothers and of the human race.

Blessed are the Mothers for they taught barbarians' ancestors to grain and build shelters. Blessed are the Mothers of the world, for they have conserved the spiritual things of life for the sake of their children.

**A GRANDMOTHER**

A word picture of a Grandmother, reportedly written by a Third Grade student, and passed from teacher to teacher just for what pleasure it may afford.

A Grandmother is a lady that don't have any little children any more, the grewed up and made her some grand children so that she could have some little children to love and play with, especially little girls. A Grandfather is a man Grandmother. He goes for walks with boys and they talk about fishing and tractors and things like that. Grandmothers don't have to do anything except just be there. They are old so they shouldn't play hard or run,



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**WEDNESDAY**

Evening ..... 8:00 p.m.

**New Pastor Assigned To Methodist Church**

A new pastor, Kevin Swanson, presently of Cross Plains, Indiana, has been appointed to serve the Silverton United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Cammille, are parents of Alethea, age four, and Nicholas, age 18 months. He is a graduate of McMurray in Abilene, and will graduate from Asbury Seminary on May 21. He and his wife plan to leave Indiana about May 23 enroute to Silverton. His pastorate here begins following the Annual Conference on June 4.

"Our plans, as they stand now, are to arrive in Silverton on May 26 or 27. Since the parsonage is empty, we would like to move directly into the parsonage at that time. We plan on spending that Sunday in Canyon with Camille's family. Annual Conference begins the next week, running through Sunday, June 4. The following Sunday, June 11, will be my first Sunday with you. I look forward to that time very much," Bro. Swanson wrote.

**Donley Named Disaster Area, Others Are Designated Contiguous**

In response to a request from Governor George Bush, the Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA) has declared Donley County as a natural disaster area and has designated seven contiguous disaster counties.

Governor Bush's request came on the heels of damages and losses caused by drought conditions extending from January 1 to October 28, 1994. The contiguous counties are Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hall and Wheeler.

The declaration allows family farmers to qualify for CFSA emergency loans for damages and losses caused by the drought. Emergency loan applications will be received through September 26, 1995, for physical and

or anything like that. It is enough if they drive us to the market make-believe horse, but they need to have lots of dimes. Oh sometimes they take us for a walk and should slow down when we pass things . . . leaves and caterpillars that have pretty color, and toadfrogs; but she won't let us pick them up cause they cause warts. They should never say, "Oh come on," when we stop to check on something.

Usually they are fat, but not too fat to tie our shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear. They can take their teeth and gums out. It is better if they don't typewrite or play cards except with us.

They don't have to be smart, only answer questions like why do dogs hate cats? And how come God isn't married? They don't talk baby talk like visitors do because it's hard to understand. When they read to us they don't mind if it is the same story over.

Everybody should try to have one; especially if you don't have television, because Grandmothers are about the only grownups that have time . . .

production losses. CFSA county offices can provide affected farmers with further information and assist them in completing applications for assistance.

**South Plains Weather Slightly Below Normal During Month of April**

Weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of April 1995 had slightly below-normal temperatures.

Temperatures averaged 1.4 degrees below normal and ranged from 0.5 degrees above normal at Lubbock to 2.9 degrees below normal at Plainview. Silverton's average temperature was 55.0 degrees, a little more than three degrees below the South Plains average.

Maximum temperatures averaged 0.8 degree below normal and ranged from 1.0 degree above normal at Levelland to 2.9 degrees below normal at Plainview. The highest temperature reported during the month was 95 degrees at Paducah on the 8th. Silverton's maximum temperatures averaged 70.8 degrees, almost four degrees below the South Plains average.

Minimum temperatures averaged 2.2 degrees below normal and ranged from normal (0.0 degrees) at Lubbock to 5.6 degrees below normal at Post. The lowest temperature reported during the month was 21 degrees at Muleshoe Refuge on the 11th. Silverton's minimum temperatures averaged 39.2 degrees, almost two and a half degrees below the South Plains average.

Precipitation averaged 0.19 inch below normal and ranged from 0.83 inch above normal at Abernathy to 1.18 inch below normal at Snyder. Silverton received 1.44 inches during the month, which was a little more than .40 of an inch above the South Plains average and near normal for this area.

Blowing dust restricted visibility at Lubbock International Airport on six days during the month for a total of 24 hours.

**WEATHER**

**24-HOUR MAY READINGS**

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
1	69	49	
2	67	45	
3	67	45	.12
4	80	47	
5	74	46	
6	61	50	.87
7	80	55	
8	81	47	
9	78	44	
Total Precip. For May			.99
Normal Precip. For May			3.11
Total Precip. Year to Date			3.61
Normal Precip. Year to Date			6.78
Soil Temperature			64°

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# Looking Back

through the files of the  
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**May 9, 1985**—Clowns Brad West, Neal Edwards, Rhett Montague, Tracy Tomlin and Mark Austin will entertain at the Little Wrangler Rodeo Saturday night . . . Valedictorian of the graduating Class of 1985 is Estella Trevino, and the salutatorian is Soledad Garcia. Miss Trevino has a 96.25 scholastic average, and Miss Garcia's grades average 95.18 . . . Cheerleaders selected for the next school year are Kathy Brown, Kori Baird, Donna Tomlin, Doree Brodeen, Stacie Chappell and DeLyn Patton . . . Monroe Hill entered High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo Monday afternoon . . . Mrs. Flute Hutsell is a patient at Humana Hospital in San Antonio where she underwent back surgery Wednesday . . . Services conducted for Myrl A. Graham . . . 4-H Horse Club to have trail ride on the Lower Barrel Ranch . . . Commissioners honored at luncheon hosted by Southwestern Extension Homemakers and Progressive Extension Homemakers in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church . . . Miss Lana Fuston, bride-elect of Bryan Burson, honored at a coffee and miscellaneous shower here . . . Junior-Senior Banquet held with theme, "Puttin' on the Ritz" . . .

**May 8, 1975**—Four Silverton students were awarded top honors at the University Interscholastic League Piano Auditions at Wayland Baptist College. They are Rebecca Reid, Carolyn Carey and Tracy Gill, Junior High entries, all of whom played class three selections and were awarded a number one rating. Lee Ann McMurtry represented the High School. She played a class two selection and earned a number one rating . . . Three outstanding musicians will be featured in a concert May 13. They are Danna Garvin, Regional Voice Solo Entry who qualified for State competition, Mignone Rauch, Regional Voice Solo Entry and Lee Ann McMurtry, Regional Piano Solo Entry . . . Cynthia Edwards won first place with a Junior Natural Resources Individual Method Demonstration at the District 2 4-H elimination contests in Lubbock . . . Owlettes win fourth at State Track Meet with their 440 Relay entry which was run by Debbie Storie and Linda Vaughn, freshmen; Margaret Crosslin, a sophomore, and Becky Francis, a junior . . . Leo Fleming and Riley Ziegler were in Omaha, Nebraska over the weekend to pick up a new drilling truck for Ziegler-Fleming . . . Dayne Mayfield will represent Region I in the discus event of the State Track Meet in Austin this weekend . . . Gayla McCord and Randy Clay won Tennis awards; Randy Clay took the boys Basketball award and Ken Wood won the Football award at the annual Athletic Banquet. Ken Sarchet and Kerri Arnold were named Most Improved Athletes; Brenda Payne won the girls Basketball award; Margaret Crosslin and Dayne Mayfield were recipients of the Track awards . . .

**May 12, 1965**—Jerry McWilliams received a cash award on the basis of his scholarship and contribution to the campus presented by the Southwestern Drug Company during the annual School of Pharmacy awards banquet at Southwestern State College . . . A Soil Evaluation team representing Briscoe County 4-H took first-place honors in the District 2 Elimination held at Texas Tech Saturday. The team was composed of John Montague, Jimmy Burson, Joe Bob Watson and Buddy Comer . . . Mr. and Mrs. Chester Strickland spent Saturday night with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nance, Wayne, Nancy and

Juannah . . . Morning shower drops .40 here . . . Jay Towe, a student at Texas Tech, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Towe and Greg. Mrs. Eva Bailey also spent Mothers Day in the Towe home . . . Gordon Durham and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Durham and Sheila were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Durham and Kirk Monday . . . Mrs. W. D. Rowell has been a patient in the Lockney Hospital since Friday. She was injured in a fall at her home and expects to be in the hospital all week . . .

**May 12, 1955**—Eighth Grade Graduation exercises are Thursday, May 19 . . . Honor graduate of the eighth grade is Susan Anderson. Beverly Seaton ranks second; Paula Reid, third, and Richard Jarnagin is highest boy . . . Silverton FFA wins Area I honors. Carl Gauntt won first

place in farm electricity. Freddie Hamilton ranked second and Jack Graham rated fourth when judged for American Farmer degree. Carson Grabbe, who entered the public speaking event, placed fifth . . . Ina Yates received the \$25.00 at the You All Come Day program Saturday. Mrs. T. L. Minyard was present to receive \$15.00 and Donna Mayo was not present to receive her award. Fairy McWilliams received the \$10.00 award, and Mrs. Floyd Williams was not present to win her award . . . Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson are parents of a daughter, Freda . . . Rain, wonderful rain, has fallen over a wide area of the Panhandle, and on down below the caprock. Ray Bomar reported at 1:00 p.m. today that 2.57 inches of rain had fallen in Silverton . . . Clay Plant

installs new equipment . . . Champ McGavock, who broke his right arm below the elbow a few weeks ago at the skating rink in Plainview, fell a few days ago and broke the same arm just below the shoulder . . . Mrs. Homer Stephens and Elaine spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Lytle at Morton . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ray Teeple and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bean, Diane and Carla Lynette Saturday evening . . . Mr. and Mrs. Van Martin were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Baird and sons Monday. Mrs. Martin, who has been critically ill, is improving slowly . . . Pfc. Norman Jasper of Camp Broughton, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, left for camp Friday

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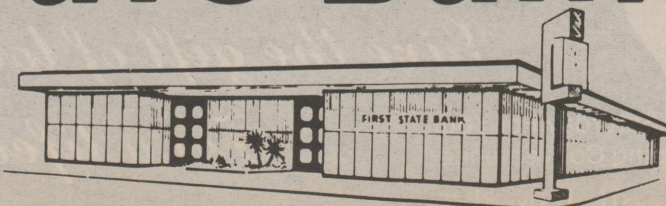
## WHAT IS A MOTHER?

by Alice E. Chase

Submitted by Bessie Bradford

A mother is a lot of things  
All molded into one  
With special parts to fit her needs  
And make her motor run.  
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# Miss Nance Is Shower Honoree

Tara Nance, bride-elect of Gary Kersh, was honored at a coffee and miscellaneous shower Saturday, May 6, in the home of Paula Garvin.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Garvin, the honoree and her mother, Tina Nance. Durene McPherson and Valeria Weaver, grandmothers of the bride-elect, were special guests.

The centerpiece was a cherub sitting

in a basket covered with German statice. Behind the cherub was a grapevine covered with greenery and baby's breath. Pastries, fruit, quiche, punch and coffee were served from crystal and silver appointments. Friends serving at the table were Tracy Stark, DeLyn Sanders, Keeley Cox and Gwen Edwards.

Holly Nance, sister of the honoree, videoed the shower and Julie Towe secured names for the gift list.

Out-of-town guests included Ann Coleman, Karla Alexander, Dana and Kayla Coleman, Pat Whitfill, Nancy and Cassidy Montague, Penni Bentley, Tracy Stark, Julie Towe, Keeley Cox, Gwen Edwards and DeLyn Sanders.

Hostesses were Gail Wyatt, Sue Miller, Paula Garvin, Brenda Patton, Patsy Towe, Jealeta Baird, Jane Self, Mary Lane Younger, Ann West, Lee O'Neal, Estella Juarez, Ruby Graham, Pat Rice, Rhenda Burson, Nancy Young, Deb Burson, Lynda Fogerson, Marsha Brunson, Carolyn Lowrey and Peggy Rowell.

The hostess gift was the centerpiece and a set of cookware.

About 500,000 craters on the Moon can be seen from the Earth through the largest and most powerful telescopes.

## EXTENSION TOPICS FOR TODAY

by Rhonda Alexander  
Briscoe County Extension Agent  
Home Economics

### Shape Up For Summer

As the weather gets warmer, the birds begin to chirp, and the flowers begin to bloom; we all get "Spring Fever" and want to be outside, getting back in shape and having fun. There are several things to consider before you jump back into your summertime activities. Some things to think about are: What kind of shape am I in, do I have any health problems or concerns, and how can I easily work exercise into my life?

Exercise is good for you and your health. It burns calories, tones muscles, makes your body work better and provides a sense of emotional well-being. The way you take care of yourself shows not only in how you look, but also in how you feel. Getting in shape doesn't mean changing your whole life; however, it does require the commitment that you want to get fit, and the action to make exercise a part of your life, little by little.

If you have high blood pressure, smoke, are over 45 or are overweight, you should see a doctor before beginning an exercise program. This will help you to avoid any serious problems that could affect your health. Once you have your doctor's permission, then it is time to get started.

When you begin your program, there are several things to incorporate into your activities. Be sure to include five minutes of warm-ups, to get your body loose and ready. This also will help to reduce your risk of injury during exercise. Aerobic exercising at least 20 minutes a day is your next step. Examples include: walking, jogging or swimming. Next you will want to work on muscle-strengthening for 10 to 15 minutes. This will allow you to tone your major muscle groups and provide strength and endurance. The last step is the cool-down for five to ten minutes.

Fitness can add quality years to your life by slowing the aging process and promoting health and well-being. Set aside a convenient time to exercise. Also try to exercise at least three times a week on alternate days. This will help you to fully benefit from your aerobic exercise program.

Ron Hunt, an infielder who played with various National League teams, holds the record for getting hit by pitched balls.

## New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Burk of Raton, New Mexico announce the birth of their daughter, Cory Bryn, on May 2. She is welcomed into the family by her brother and sister, Cameron and Cally.

Grandparents are Juanita Burk of Raton and Elton and Lanita Cantwell of Silverton. Earl Cantwell is the great-grandfather.

### Happy Birthday To . . .

May 11—Joni Mayfield, Chance Rhoderick

May 12—Sarah Henderson, Lyndall Couch, T. V. McClure, Kirk Durham, Derik Roys, Cody Garrison, Bryan Burson

May 13—Floyd Perkins, Lee Ann Durham, Martha Greeson, Mary Ann Maciel, Von Ann Lunt

May 14—Mikel Griffin, Michael S. Hill, J. W. Reid, Patricia Lavy, Charlie Parker, Laverne Mercer

May 15—Sharrel Bridges, Kayla Beth Bounds

May 16—Devona Smith, Berton Hughes

May 17—Reba Tipton, Mike Juarez

### Happy Anniversary To . . .

May 12—Mr. and Mrs. George Reed

May 13—Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mercer

May 14—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Minyard

## 'Pedal Mania' to be Celebration Feature

"Pokey" the clown will be at the Briscoe County Birthday Celebration and Rodeo in August to supervise "Pedal Mania", which is sponsored by the High Country Chevrolet Dealer, Grabbe-Simpson Motors, and the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department.

Pedal Mania consists of two pedal-powered Monster Trucks that are used for rides and championship pulls.

The trucks are set up for young and old to race one another for a distance of about 30 to 50 feet. People pay \$1.00 to ride and that money goes to a local project.

Pulling weights on a sled for a distance of 30 feet constitutes a championship pull. There are men's and women's divisions. To pull you must be over 18 years of age and sign a release. Each person pays an entry fee of \$15.00 for the championship pull, and receives a T-shirt which reads "High Country Pedal Mania" that has a pedal truck on the front. The back reads "I survived the '95 Championship Pedal Mania Series."

A local champion will be crowned by the Silverton Fire Department. All pullers at any event (men and women) will qualify for the National Championships to be held September 3 at 1:00 p.m. at the Antique Truck, Tractor, Farm Implement and Auction sponsored in part by the High Country Chevrolet Dealers at the Tri-State Fairgrounds in Amarillo.

## Clarendon College Holds Graduation

Clarendon College hosted its largest graduation ceremony in five years as 123 students walked across the stage to accept their associate degrees and Ranch and Feedlot Operations certificates of completion. A total of 100 students graduated from the college's academic ranks while 23 RFO certificates were awarded.

Silverton students graduating included Lance Paul Bradford, Freddie Neal Edwards, jr., and Jamie Frizzell.

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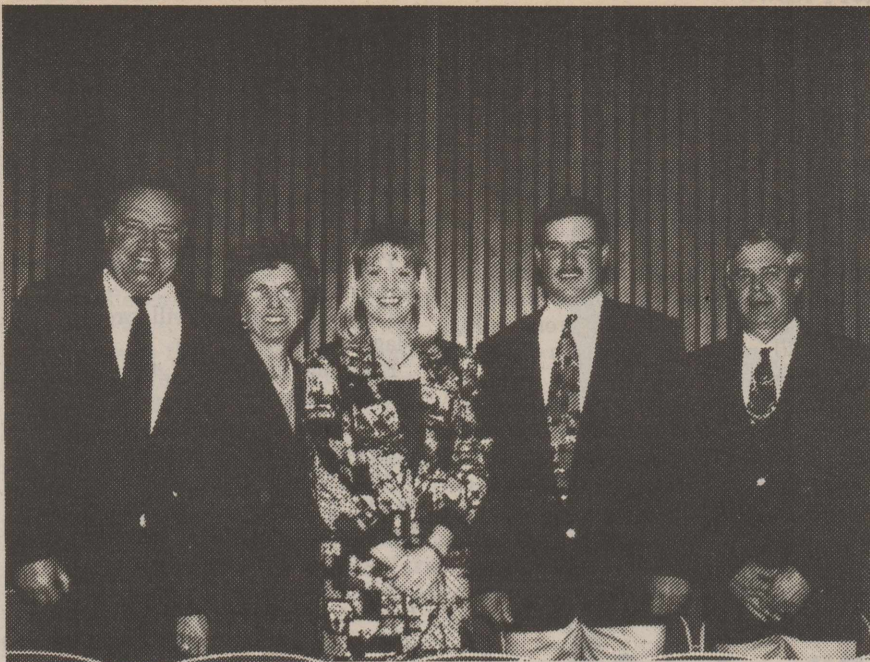
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Freddie Neal Edwards (fourth from left) received a certificate of completion in Ranch and Feedlot Operations from Clarendon College this spring. He completed the nine-month program which allows students to gain specific knowledge and technical skills to meet the needs of today's complex agricultural world. Pictured with Edwards are his parents-in-law, his wife and his father.

**LOOKING BACK —**  
CONTINUED FROM PAGE THREE

after having spent a leave here with Mr. and Mrs. Milt Jasper, other relatives and friends . . . Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Tiffin were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Keyth Tiffin and Doyle last Wednesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Teeter and Darden Jasper left early Saturday on a trip to Montana . . .

May 10, 1945—Betty Nan Burson and Thelma Gean Mercer to be presented in recital . . . Miss Lillie B. Brooks is visiting in Borger this week with relatives . . . Mrs. Arnold Turner was brought home from the Tulia hospital on Sunday. She had undergone an operation there . . . Orville Turner had the misfortune of cutting his hand Saturday night . . . Mr. Fore of Plainview visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDaniel, jr. over the weekend . . . Haskel Jackson left Wednesday for California after a leave spent here. Mrs. Jackson and children went with him . . . Mrs. Robert Offield and daughter left Wednesday for Rule to visit her mother . . . Mrs. Florence Fogerson and Mrs. Ware Fogerson and children spent Sunday in Matador . . . Janette Brown, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Durward Brown, was seriously burned Friday night. She ran under a kettle of scalding water just as Mrs. Brown had taken it from the stove. The kettle turned spilling the scalding water down one side of her head and shoulders. She is doing quite well but has also contracted the measles which appeared Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Crass and family attended a birthday dinner for W. E. Burlison at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy McMurtry Sunday . . . Supper guests in the Earnest Strange home Sunday night were Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Strange and boys, Mrs. E. L. Stephens and daughter of Stanford, Miss Eula Mae McCain and S-Sgt. and Mrs. H. O. Strange of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Crass and family . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rowell, Mrs. F. L. Harrison and Mrs. Auton Voyles and children were dinner guests with the Frank Mercers Wednesday . . .

June 12, 1925—Briscoe County was organized on March 15, 1892. On that day Silverton was named the county seat and preparations were made for the election of officers for the county. The first officers were: County Judge, J. N. Stalbird; County Treasurer, R. I. Hanna; Sheriff and Tax Collector, Miner Crawford; County and District Clerk, T. L. Anderson; County Surveyor, Nat G. Waller; County Attorney, W. D. Fisher; County Tax

Assessor, Oscar Reeves. All of the first officers elected were single men at that time with the exception of Mr. Waller. The first building used as a courthouse was a little room south of the square which had been built for a real estate office. It was 14x16 feet in size. The courtroom was later moved from this building to another room on the west side of the square. This building was 12x20 feet. It was used as a courthouse until January 1, 1893 when the county officers moved into the old wooden courthouse, which served as a home for the official department of Briscoe County until torn down and replaced by the new brick building in the fall of 1922. The first grand jury convened in the spring of 1892. It consisted of the following men: M. E. Hopson, A. P. Donnell, J. N. Raldolph, A. C. Bomar, J. B. Porter, S. H. Smithee, Wm. Chambers, J. F. Reeves, J. R. Wright, E. P. Turner, who was foreman of the first grand jury, H. P. Gardner, G. W. Brown. The first business established in Silverton was started in a building built by L. C. Fisher and R. I. Hanna. It was used as a dry goods store and in one side Mr. Hanna had his stock of dry goods and in the other side Mr. Fisher carried a stock of the same kind of goods. The second store built was a drug store built by Dr. E. H. Wadkins and A. C. Bomar.

Dr. Wadkins was the first doctor to practice in Silverton, and is said to have been one of the best learned and most competent men who ever practiced the profession in Silverton. The first blacksmith was Mr. J. A. Northcutt. The first post office was located on the northeast corner of the section seven miles west of town. The name of this post office was "Seltic". There are copies of several different newspapers which have operated in Silverton. The first was established in 1893. It was edited by J. T. Briscoe, who was the first man to be married in Briscoe County. Other papers that old settlers still have copies of include the Silverton Light, of which there is a copy dated June 9, 1894. There is a copy of the Silverton Courier dated October 7, 1897. Another paper was the Silverton

Enterprise of which there is a copy dated July 17, 1903. The Stayer was founded in Silverton in July 1897. It is noticed in the early newspapers that the early settlers of the county realized the value of an educational system and soon after the organization of the county, a school building was built. It was 24x36 feet and was located where the G. A. Nix residence is now situated. The school was taught the first year by John M. Skeen. The second school was taught by J. W. Beck. The second year it was found that a larger building was needed and a two-story modern building was erected on the lot south of where the Silverton Milling Co. is located. It stood until being replaced by the present brick school building erected in 1911. The old building was torn down by a windstorm several years later.



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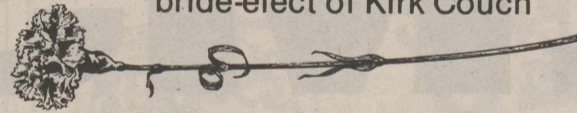
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Juanell Brooks, Vice-President of Administration, of Panhandle Health Services recognizes that it requires a corporate effort of nursing care and medical coordination to continue their

commitment to quality nursing care.

National Nurses' Week is May 7-13. Panhandle Health Services would like to invite the public to join us in recognition of Nurses' Week.

JoDee Mincey, R. N., Branch Manager, would like to thank and show appreciation to the nursing staff of the Silverton area for hard work and selfless dedication to their profession and community.

For further information about Panhandle Health Services, Home Nursing Care, call (806) 874-5152.

# Lots Of Excitement In Crazy Tourney

As the Crazy Tournament wound down to its conclusion, a double overtime was required to decide the boys championship. The Knicks, coached by Cy Comer and Brandon Sarchet, saw their team take a two-point victory over the Suns, coached by Jack Cherry and Jon Ivory.

Playing for the winning team were Vance Chandler, Andrew Francis, Danny Dunn, Chase Comer, John Arnold, Tyler Reed, Martin Hernandez and Johnny Gillenwater.

Members of the runner-up team were Isaiah Ivory, Daniel Castillo, Kevin Duncan, Jr. Gonzales, Nicholas Vargas, Monty Wood, Payton Estes, Joseph Aulbach, Eric Minyard and Bryce Roberts.

The girls final also was a two-point game, with the Rockets, coached by Dedra Johnston and Molly Bomar, defeating the Celtics, coached by Leslee Weaks and Holly Nance.

Playing for the champions were Brooke Garvin, Cynthia Allen, Crystal

Hunt, Kendra Rhoderick, Chelsey Cherry, Amanda Estes, Jenny Young, Kathryn Myers, Crystal Walls and Kathrina Johnson.

Members of the runner-up team were Julie Weaver, Erica Edwards, Idalia Hernandez, Vicky Van Horn, Molly Sarchet, Kurby Garvin, Andrea Barraza, Kassie Strange, Daryl-Ann Reynolds and Tara Smith.

This was a Sophomore class fundraiser, and the class members appreciate very much all those who came to the tournament and ate with them at the concession stand. They appreciate Coaches Whipkey and Dutton for refereeing and all the parents who assisted them in cooking hamburgers and operating the concession stand, including David Warren, Johnny Tiffin, Vici Baird, Vonaceil Chandler and Frances Gamble. They also thank Vonaceil Chandler and Karen Tiffin for baking the cakes they gave away.

# Reception To Honor Retiring Teacher May 21

Silverton PTA will be joined by Silverton ISD's faculty, administration and staff in hosting a reception for Fern Parker Sunday, May 21, from 3:00 until 4:30 in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank.

Mrs. Parker is retiring at the end of school after 22 years of service in the classroom for Silverton ISD.

Mrs. Parker is a first-grade teacher. All students, parents, former students and friends are invited to attend the reception to help wish Mrs. Parker well in her retirement.

# Music Program To Be Staged Here May 18

Robin Boedeker will direct a music program to begin at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 18, in the school auditorium.

The second grade will present "Three Nanny Goats Gruff".

The fourth grade will present "Six Flags Over Texas".

Everyone is invited to attend the special program.

# Immunization Clinic Postponed

The immunization clinic which had been announced for May 16 in the office of School Nurse Margie Pinkerton has been postponed until May 22.

A change was made necessary because the Public Health Nurse will be required to testify in court on May 16.

# Another School Year Coming To a Close

With the final bell announcing the end of another long school year, comes a special air of excitement. Kids will be going to the parks, swimming pools, movies, and a lot may be playing in or near the streets.

Trooper L. B. Snider of the Texas Department of Public Safety wants to remind Texas motorists to help take care of the kids this summer. Be especially watchful for the ones who may be playing on or near streets. Remember, in the excitement of play, kids may do things they shouldn't, such as darting or running into the roadways into the path of your vehicle. Most of the kids have been taught not to do these things, but it only takes one lapse of memory on a child's part and we may be looking over the hood of our vehicles into their now-frightened eyes.

Trooper Snider also states, "There will be a lot of kids on bicycles this summer. Kids should remember the rules of the roadway and also should remember to abide by them. Above all, they should remember that vehicles are a lot larger than they are and when competing for a space in the roadway, a three-thousand-pound vehicle will always win."

The Department of Public Safety not only wants you to help take care of the children on the streets and highways, but to help them get involved in constructive things this summer. There are a lot of good things for young people to do if parents will only look for them. Let's all help the kids have a safe, healthy, happy summer.

Timbuktu, in the country we know now as Mali, was a famous center of learning—particularly law and theology—in the 14th Century.

# Silverton School Lunchroom Menu

Monday, May 15--Lasagna, Salad, Bread, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, May 16--Pork Pattie, Gravy, Baked Potato, Hot Roll, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, May 17--Ham and Cheese on a Bun, Fries, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, May 18--Beef and Cheese Nachos, Salad, Corn, Brownie, Milk

Friday, May 19--Steak and Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Syrup, Butter, Milk

## BREAKFAST

Monday--Egg Burrito, Juice, Milk

Tuesday--Ham and Cheese Biscuit, Juice, Milk

Wednesday--Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Milk

Thursday--Sausage and Pancake on a Stick, Juice, Milk

Friday--Cheese Toast, Juice, Milk

# Silverton School Activities

Thursday, May 11--Board Meeting, 8:00; TAAS Social Studies, 8th only

Friday, May 12--TAAS Science, 8th only; early out, 1:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, May 12-13--Area FFA Convention

Saturday, May 13--Wonderland Trip for students in fourth through eighth grades

Tuesday, May 16--Methodist Senior Luncheon; Chapter I Read-In; Algebra End-of-course Exam

Wednesday, May 17--Biology I End-of-course Exam

Thursday, May 18--Music Program, 10:00; Elementary Track Meet, 12:30 p.m.

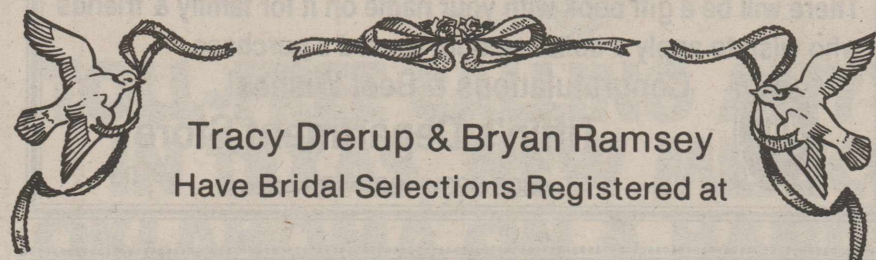
Friday, May 19--Awards Assembly, 12:30; Early out, 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 20--Athletic Banquet, 7:00

# No Lunchroom Charges After This Week

Friday, May 12, will be the last day that charges for breakfast and lunch will be accepted by the school lunchroom.

All charges must be cleared before report cards are received.



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## We Know What You Want From Our 800 Number Service

by Mary Jane Shanes  
Social Security Office Manager  
Plainview, Texas

Recently, we received the results of surveys, questionnaires, and focus groups that tell us what people expect when they call our 800 number, 1-800-772-1213. We plan to use the information to improve our service as we handle increasing workloads. Among the items that concern people are:

- ★ Getting through to the 800 number within a reasonable number of tries;
- ★ Receiving accurate information in plain language;
- ★ Being able to obtain one-stop service;
- ★ Being able to receive clear forms, publications, process descriptions, and advice about correspondence;
- ★ Talking to representatives that can provide options on how and where to get services; and
- ★ Talking to representatives who give courteous treatment and are respectful, trusting, and willing to listen.

We found that some people indicated a preference for alternatives to using our 800 number as a way of contacting Social Security because they:

- Prefer to conduct their business with a local office;
- Received too many busy signals when they tried the 800 number;
- Were on hold too long;
- Found the teleservice representatives were not knowledgeable;
- Do not like conducting business over the phone; or
- Found the information provided was not useful.

The surveys also showed that the

## Cost Cutting Benefits A&M Academics

Additional cost-cutting measures totaling almost \$2 million have been documented by Texas A&M University officials in their efforts to conserve financial resources and redirect them to academic and other high-priority needs.

A less expensive way, for example, was found to transfer funds electronically for student loans while also providing better service to the recipients. In another student-related savings measure, the need for 10 fewer sections of freshman English was offset by offering a new equivalency examination for qualifying students in targeted academic areas, representing a savings of \$20,000 last year and an estimated \$53,000 this year.

This latest round of savings follows a concerted effort initiated two years ago that produced more than 50 cost-effective initiatives with multi-million-dollar results.

Texas A&M President Ray M. Bowen said 37 specific cost-reduction projects were identified that represented 1994 savings of \$1.1 million. Most of them have carry-over benefits that are estimated to total more than \$820,000 this year.

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major reasons people call the 800 number include:

- \* Information about Social Security Numbers;
- \* Filing a claim;
- \* Information about direct deposit; about

- \* Questions entitlement/eligibility;
  - \* Claim status requests; and
  - \* Benefit verification.
- To improve our 800 number service, we have set standards that will allow us

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## Austin Notebook

by Tom Haywood

As I begin the final month of my first legislative session, I am amazed with the number of duties and responsibilities involved with the role of a State Senator. Between tort reform, telecommunications, the education code rewrite, gun control and welfare reform, I haven't had a chance to catch my breath! But in addition to voting on legislation, I feel it part of my duties as a Senator to inform my constituents of government agency action which will affect you.

This week, it was announced in the Texas Register that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has outlined a proposed increase of hunting and fishing licenses. The hikes would range from \$2 to \$7 for Texans and \$25 to \$50 for out-of-state residents.

This increase is not set in stone. Now that the proposal has been posted in the Texas Register, TPWD must wait out a

30-day posting period in which time public comments are taken and reviewed. Next, the TPWD Finance Committee will meet on May 30 to vote on whether or not the proposed increases should be forwarded to the full commission. If voted down, any fee hikes are dead for another year. If voted out of committee, it will be up to the full TPWC to pass or kill the proposal to raise our hunting and fishing fees.

There are two sides to this story.

Those of us who purchase a hunting or fishing license are the ones that a fee increase would actually benefit. An increase of, say, \$5, would enable TPWD to increase the number of game wardens in our state, which would then enable us to cut down on poaching. This is a positive thought to all who enjoy these sports. The fee increase would also fund two new fish hatcheries that would replenish a pressured supply of fish like striped and black bass. Again, a positive thought to those who enjoy "wetting a line".

However, side two of this story also affects our communities. Businesses in

small rural communities boom with the arrival of early fall. Our motels and restaurants thrive during dove, deer and quail seasons. The striped bass in Lake Texoma and the black bass in Possum Kingdom Reservoir are sought by fishermen from all over Texas and Oklahoma. Out-of-town hunters and fishermen drive the economy of many of the communities in our district far greater than the local folks could do on their own. There is the possibility that an increase in fees could drive some to give up hunting and fishing altogether. The big question is: if enough people give up the sport they love, wouldn't it have an impact on these communities?

## Coming And Goings

Jodi Thomas, granddaughter of Buck and Violet Thomas, a senior at Texas Tech, spent the weekend here and the

group attended the Seay Reunion at the school cafeteria. Miss Thomas does news editing for Channel 11 in Lubbock and is a weekend reporter. She plans a career in the field of broadcast journalism.

Courtland Ingram, 16, and his father, Eddie Ingram, and grandparents, Dwain and Theoma Ingram, all of Tribune, Kansas, were guests of Buck and Violet Thomas during Bob Wills Day weekend. Court won first place in the junior division of the fiddling contest for the fourth year at Bob Wills Day. This was the last year he was eligible for the junior division. Also visiting in the Thomas home was a friend, Mickey Mays.

## OBITUARIES

### TRAVIS McMINN

Funeral services for Travis McMinn will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. today (Thursday) at the First Baptist Church in Silverton. Officiating will be the Rev. Edwin Norris, interim pastor of the Silverton United Methodist Church, and Paul Ledbetter, a long-time family friend.

Interment will be in the Silverton Cemetery with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. McMinn died Monday, May 8, at his home in Lubbock.

Born in Silverton January 28, 1926, he was the son of Bud and Ollie McMinn. He was reared in Silverton and was graduated from Silverton High School. He was a retired minister and carpenter.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Silverton.

He is survived by two sons, Dudley McMinn of Midland and Jerry Wayne McMinn of Pilot Point; three daughters, Debbie Hubbard of Lubbock, Lesia Patterson of Pilot Point and Deborah Altebaumer of Kansas; a sister, Fayree Watkins of Canyon; nine grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be C. L. McWilliams, Charlie Parker, G. W. Chappell, Roy Len Long, Wayne Henderson and Zane Henderson.

### RUSSELL C. KRONENBERGER

Russell C. Kronenberger, 78, died March 23, in Green Valley, Arizona, where he had resided for 15 years.

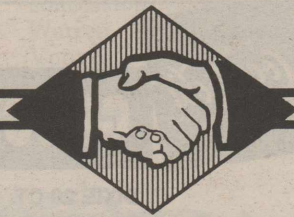
He was born and reared in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was a soil scientist with a degree from the University of Wisconsin, and spent 22 years as a state soil scientist for Wyoming.

He married the former Delise Blackwell 55 years ago on March 23. His affiliations included Lutheran Church of the Risen Savior, past president of the Kiwanis Club, G. V. Elks Lodge, G. V. American Legion Post and Country Club of Green Valley.

He was a former member of the County Fair Board and was a long-time volunteer at the White Elephant Shop.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Jill Kronenberger of Sacramento, California; two sisters, Carol Lembek of Green Valley and Bernice Brussat of Wild Rose, Wisconsin; and a brother, James Kronenberger of Larchmont, New York.

He will be remembered for his many needlepoint creations which won first state ribbons in Wyoming and Arizona. He was a brother-in-law of Daphne Fern and J. D. McGavock, who were in Arizona for the memorial service which was conducted Friday, March 31, at the Lutheran Church.



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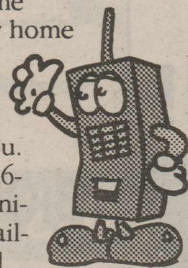
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Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
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Baptist Women ..... 9:30 a.m.  
**WEDNESDAY:**  
Library Opens ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Bible Study/Prayer ..... 7:00 p.m.

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**SUNDAY:**  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Youth Group ..... 7:00 p.m.  
**FIRST MONDAY:**  
United Methodist Men . 6:00 a.m.  
**TUESDAY:**  
United Meth. Women... 9:30 a.m.  
**WEDNESDAY:**  
Choir Practice ..... 5:00 p.m.  
In-home Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
**THIRD SATURDAY:**  
Family Fun Night ..... 7:00 p.m.

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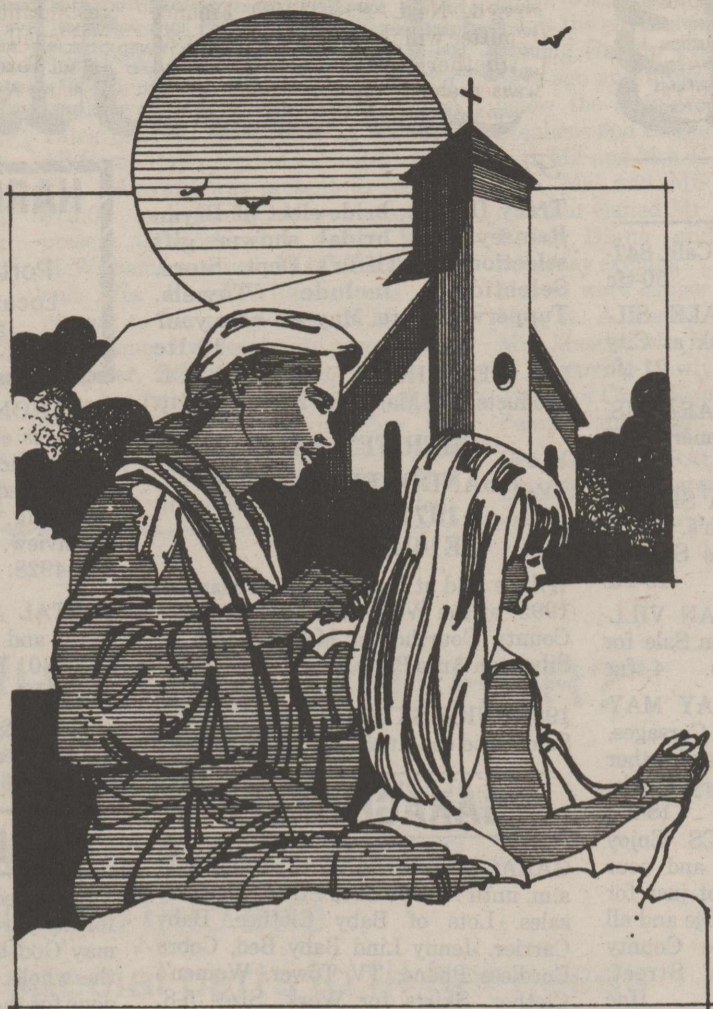
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Choir Rehearsal ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service..... 8:00 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF LORETO CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**SUNDAY:**  
Mass..... 9:00 a.m.  
**WEDNESDAY:**  
Doctrina Class ..... 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Junior & Senior  
High..... 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**ROCK CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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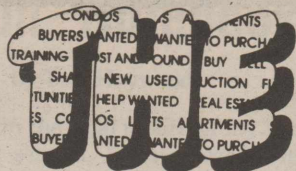
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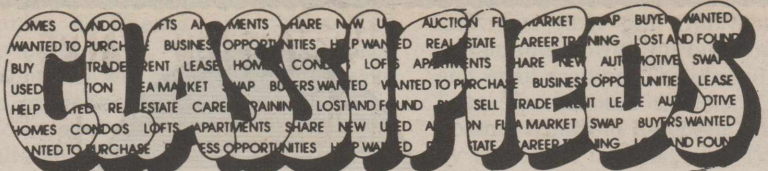
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# Proper Fertilization Important to Lawns

by Rebel L. Royall  
Briscoe County Extension Agent

This time of year folks always start thinking about their lawns. For the most part, we neglect our lawns all winter and then want them to look good during the spring and summer months. Proper fertilization during the early spring and on through the summer can help us have the lawn we dream of.

A number of commercial lawn fertilizers are available to the homeowner. Fertilizers provide nutrients to plants, helping to make vigorous healthy growth.

The principle fertilizing elements are nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium. A fertilizer that contains all three of these elements is known as a "Complete fertilizer". In addition to these three elements, most fertilizers also contain calcium, magnesium, boron, zinc, and a number of other minor fertilizing elements called trace elements.

The best fertilizers are those that release plant nutrients slowly and evenly over a long period of time. These fertilizers are also the most expensive.

Fertilizers also are labeled according to their chemical analysis, such as 8-8-8 or 10-10-10. These numbers, which are printed on the label, refer to the relative amounts of nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium contained in the fertilizer: 8-8-8 contains, by weight, eight percent nitrogen, eight percent phosphorous and eight percent potassium.

Most lawn grasses should be fertilized early in the growing season at the rate of 20 pounds of complete fertilizer per 1,000 square feet. Depending on the length of the growing season in your area and the type of grass you have, you will need to make one to three subsequent applications of nitrogen fertilizer at two-month intervals. In this part of the world, for warm-season grasses, which make their growth between spring and fall, a fertilizer

application should have been made in March with another in June and another in August. Cool-season grasses should be treated at two-month intervals from September to May.

The best time to apply fertilizer is the first dry day after a rain because the soil is moist, but the leaves of the grass are not wet. However, do not wait for a rain if your lawn needs fertilizer. Spread the fertilizer evenly; then brush the grass with the back of a garden rake to shift the fertilizer down to the soil. Then water your lawn thoroughly. This washes the remainder of the fertilizer off the leaves and down into the soil. It is important to wash the leaves because if it is left to dry there, it could burn them.

## Many Killed By Lightning Each Year

In the United States more people are killed every year by lightning than tornadoes and hurricanes combined.

Protect yourself from the dangers of lightning during severe weather season. If you are outside and see lightning, go inside a substantial shelter. Avoid using electrical appliances or the telephone unless there is an emergency. Lightning can strike near a building and travel through power lines into the building.

If you must be outside during lightning activity, stay away from metal surfaces and objects, water, large trees standing alone, and sheds in open areas.

Just before lightning strikes, your hair may begin to stand on end. Immediately drop to your knees and make your body into a ball allowing minimal contact with the ground. Do not lie down; the wet ground can conduct lightning.

## Spring Showers Bring Texas Wildflowers

Thunderstorms and spring showers contribute annually to the growth of beautiful Texas wildflowers. While appreciating the benefits of thunderstorms be aware of possible severe weather resulting from thunderstorm activity.

Thunderstorms create lightning, as well as the potential for tornadoes, flooding, and flash flooding.

The safest place during a thunderstorm is in a substantial building. Avoid using electrical appliances or the telephone. Lightning can strike near a building and travel through power lines into the building.

During a thunderstorm, remember to keep alert to changing weather conditions and listen to National Weather Service Bulletins for weather information.

## Act Safely, Quickly In Thunderstorms

Knowing and taking safety measures during heavy rains and severe thunderstorms, that potentially cause flash flooding and flooding, could save your life and the lives of your family.

During a thunderstorm or heavy rains, watch for rising water levels. If you live in a low-lying area know where high ground is and how to get there quickly.

Avoid driving unless you must take shelter on high ground. If you are in your vehicle do not try to drive through flooded areas. Abandon your vehicle if water begins rising over the road and seek shelter on high ground as safely and quickly as possible.



Members of the Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) Boll Weevil Steering Committee (BWSC) met May 2 and voted unanimously to set the 1995 per-bale assessment at zero cents. The voluntary per-bale assessment is used to provide operating funds for PCG's High Plains Boll Weevil Suppression Program.

According to PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson a total of 13 cotton producers from across the High Plains serve on the BWSC. He adds that the Steering Committee lowered the per-bale assessment to zero in order to allow area compresses, where the voluntary assessment is normally collected, to set their 1995 tariffs.

Johnson also noted that during the recently-approved High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication referendum, one of the Steering Committee's goals was to keep the per-bale assessment at the lowest level possible and maintain the collection mechanism to provide for a monitoring program after the boll weevil is eradicated from the area.

"Producers have been very supportive of the BWSC's management of their funds throughout the 31-year history of the PCG program," says BWSC Chairman Wayne Huffaker of Tahoka. "I believe that trust will be further strengthened by the Committee's action May 2."

Preparations for the expansion of the PCG program's operational area also have begun. Program personnel have put out traplines to monitor boll weevils as they emerge from overwintering habitat. In addition to PCG's regular traplines, additional weevil information will be collected through two other sources.

The first is in conjunction with Dr. Jim Leser of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, through the Agri-Partners program. Dr. Leser will be operating a grid trapping program designed to determine where boll

weevils are located going into the 1995 crop.

The second source of early-season boll weevil trap information is from producers and consultants who purchased traps through their County Extension Agents and PCG. Individuals who participated in the program and received traps to monitor their own fields for early-season weevil populations are being encouraged to forward the data they collect to their County Extension Offices. Each office will then forward the data to PCG for further dissemination and for use during the Enhanced Diapause program.

"We are encouraging all producers and consultants to take a few minutes to send their trap information to their County Extension Offices," explains PCG Boll Weevil Program Coordinator Roger Haldenby. "This data will be an invaluable tool for us as we identify heavy weevil populations that will need to be addressed during this year's diapause treatment program."

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### Capital Punishment: The Income Tax

Every April, Americans are reminded that there are two forms of government in their country — the short form and the long form. And whether we file the long form or the short form, few of us are truly happy with the federal income tax system.

There are two proposals for tax reform currently before the 104th Congress: the consumption tax and the flat tax. I am going to discuss the flat tax in this column and will outline the consumption tax proposal later.

The flat tax plan proposed by U.S. Rep. Dick Armey of Texas would allow every taxpayer in the country to file on a form the size of a postcard.

Rep. Armey proposes that all income be taxed at a single rate — 20 percent for the first three years and 17 percent thereafter. Not only would this simplify the tax process enormously, but it would eliminate some of the most egregious features of the current system: the Swiss cheese-like arrangement of loopholes which benefit some at the expense of others, the double and often triple taxation of certain kinds of income, and the high overall rate of federal taxation.

No one is happy with the present system's intricate set of loopholes. A flat tax would eliminate loopholes entirely. The philosophy behind this idea is one of elemental fairness: Everyone should be treated the same, rather than the government making arbitrary decisions about who must surrender more of what they earn, and who has to surrender less.

Most advocates of this plan want to retain only one real deduction in addition to the personal allowance: the allowance given parents for their children. Under Rep. Armey's proposal, the individual deduction would be \$13,000, or \$26,000 per couple.

In exchange for that, all other deductions would be erased, including the home mortgage interest deduction and the charitable contribution deduction. The current double taxation of savings and investment income would be abolished. Right now, some people pay federal tax on their salaries and still manage to save something for a rainy day. But their wealth is taxed again when it earns interest. If they invest their savings in a business, the business's income is taxed, and then they are taxed once again on the income they derive from it.

The result of this system is that Americans save less than citizens in any other industrialized democracy. Less investment funds are available to create new business, and new jobs. Under the flat tax plan, income would be taxed only once, at its source.

The flat tax proposal would reduce the current high rate of taxation. As a result, the government would have less money to spend. If that rate were set at 17 percent, for instance, federal revenue would shrink by about \$40 billion a year from what is currently collected. So any flat tax proposal, to be realistic, would have to contain caps on government spending as well.

I still have not made up my mind if this is the best way to improve our federal income tax system, but I think the flat tax is an interesting idea in principle. This and other tax reform proposals deserve to be thoroughly debated before Congress enacts them. The American people deserve to know exactly what they'll be getting in exchange for the present system.

But right now the reward for energy, enterprise and thrift in America is — higher taxes. This has to change.

### OSHA is in Need of an Overhaul

Cynics say "No good deed goes unpunished." Although I am anything but a cynic, I know of no better illustration of that attitude than the way the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has interpreted congressional good intentions regarding worker safety.

In 1994, Competition Roofing Inc., Houston, was cited by OSHA 23 times for a grand total of \$13,000 in fines for: a cut in the insulation of an extension cord that was no longer in use (three violations), a bent rung on the bottom of a ladder (four violations) and a splintered handle on a broken shovel discarded in the back of a truck (\$400 fine).

OSHA is a prime example of the need for fundamental reform of our federal regulatory system. As much as any government agency, OSHA has come to symbolize what is wrong with the process.

OSHA's mission of reducing occupational hazards which result in injury and illness is a worthy one. But in practice, as one of the government's most aggressive, not to say confrontational, regulators, OSHA's enforcement methods have become increasingly arbitrary.

So on March 22 I introduced a bill to reform the 1970 Occupational Safety and Health Act. The purpose of my bill is clear cut: Through the

application of common-sense tests for federal involvement, and by encouraging cooperation rather than confrontation, I believe we can make worksites both safer and more productive.

The act was never intended to give government permission to play "gotcha" with employers. But unfortunately, the way it is being enforced provides an example of regulatory excess that puts Americans out of work, lowers productivity and hampers the economic competitiveness of our country.

My bill would re-establish the original intent of Congress by removing some of the U.S. Department of Labor's discretionary rule-making power. It would clarify court rulings on workplace safety and instill a common-sense approach to achieving safety standards.

Among other provisions, the measure would reverse OSHA's current practice of establishing de facto quotas for bringing complaints against employers.

In Texas, an OSHA compliance officer from the Corpus Christi Area Office has stated under oath that OSHA area directors are under enormous pressure to produce high numbers of citations and penalties — regardless of actual workplace conditions. He made it clear that OSHA employees' job performance evaluations apparently depend on meeting certain internal quotas. This same compliance officer also testified that his supervisor had directed him to cite companies even when both the supervisor and inspector knew full well the firms had not violated any regulation and did not warrant a citation.

These are the kinds of practices that arbitrarily jeopardize businesses and the livelihoods of all who depend on them. This isn't supposed to happen in America — and it is the job of Congress to make sure it doesn't.

### Terror in the Heartland

The bomb that blasted the federal building in Oklahoma City April 19, killing more than a hundred people, blew a hole in America's heart. We must do everything humanly possible to make sure such horror isn't repeated. But we can't let that bomb blow a hole in our civil liberties as well.

Congress' immediate task is to institute anti-terrorism measures to protect the country within Constitutional parameters. This will be a matter of drawing fine lines, rather than painting with a broad brush. We will have to work closely with the executive branch. Whatever we do, we must not act precipitously.

As a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, I want to see the CIA and FBI find ways to work together more closely to keep tabs on subversive groups. They must cooperate more closely with local law enforcement officials as well. Security in federal buildings and parking facilities around them needs to be beefed up.

Each nation faces its own unique security problems. But I think we could usefully study some of the security measures that have been successful in combatting terrorism in Europe, a continent that's been dealing with this deadly threat since the 1960s.

There are a number of other possible approaches to defeating terrorism which warrant careful consideration. Among them:

- \* Implement an international treaty requiring that when plastic explosives are manufactured, a chemical be added that makes them detectable. Further restrict the use, sale and transfer of plastic explosives, toxic gasses and nuclear materials.

- \* Carefully adjust federal law so that when terrorist groups on our soil go beyond talking about violence and actually start practicing it, they become subject to criminal penalties. By this I mean that, under our Constitutionally guaranteed freedom of speech, we can't stop people from advocating violence except in very narrow circumstances. But teaching people how to make bombs, gathering the materials for their manufacture and actually testing out such weapons ought to be a punishable offense. Society must protect itself — and its innocent children.

- \* Outlaw all fundraising in the United States in support of international terrorism overseas.

- \* Repeal the 1990 law prohibiting U.S. consular officials from denying visas to aliens who belong to known terrorist organizations. Our government has every right to set stricter requirements on those asking for the privilege of coming into our country than it imposes on American citizens on American soil.

America is at its best when it rises to a challenge. Oklahoma City reminded us of that fact in several different ways — in the way people of all races, ages and creeds worked together to rescue victims and comfort stricken children, in the way help arrived immediately from all over the country, in the way law enforcement agencies worked to track down those responsible and in the mutual sorrow we experienced regardless of individual circumstances.

The real test of our success in devising anti-terrorism measures will be if we can do away with the fear that has been sown in America. In the words of Edward R. Murrow, "No one can terrorize a whole nation unless we are all his accomplices."

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